

Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

LA MARSEILLAISE

Allons enfants de la Patrie

Le jour de gloire est arrivé!

Contre nous de la tyrannie

L'étendard sanglant est levé! (bis)

Entendez-vous dans les campagnes

Mugir ces féroces soldats?

Ils viennent jusque dans nos bras

Egorger nos fils et nos compagnes.

Aux armes, citoyens, formez vos bataillons!

Marchons! Marchons!

Qu'un sang impur abreuve nos sillons!

In a similar spirit, before the flags of our two nations are raised, let us observe a minute of silence in memory of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of freedom and democracy wherever they may have been.

Historically, both diplomatically and artistically, the United States and France have been bound. From colonialism and nascent nation status, through peace and conflict, this tandem of nations has relied on one another even during the times where they may not have been on the same page. Our Nations have formed an inextricable bond of liberty, full of the implications that such a condition would warrant: strength, determination and solidarity. My hope is to return to full and fruitful mutual respect.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES H.
GILLIAM, JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to James H. Gilliam Jr. who passed away suddenly last week at the age of 58 after decades of outstanding service to the State of Delaware. Jim was a loving father, husband, and son, as well as a corporate attorney and investor, civic and business leader, philanthropist, and the first black Cabinet secretary in Delaware's history. The numerous accomplishments, recognitions, and admiration Jim has had in his lifetime are truly remarkable.

Until 1998 Jim was the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Beneficial Corporation and a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of Beneficial, as well as Chairman of its commercial banking subsidiary, Beneficial National Bank. Before joining Beneficial in 1979, Jim served as Secretary of Community Affairs and Economic Development in the Cabinet of Governor Pete du Pont. Prior to that post he was an attorney with the law firms of Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington, Delaware and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City. A graduate of Morgan State University, Columbia University School of Law, and the Advanced Management Program of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Jim also received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Morgan State University and Delaware State University.

Serving as a board member and trustee for numerous corporations and foundations, Jim was a board member of the Delaware Community Foundation, a Trustee of Christiana Care Corporation, and Founding Chairman of Wilmington 2000, established to assist in rede-

velopment of the City of Wilmington. He was also Chair of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, the United Negro College Fund Delaware Campaign, the Capital Campaign for the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council, and the Walnut Street YMCA in Wilmington, among many others.

Jim also gave back greatly to the legal profession as a member of the American Bar Foundation, as Chair of the Governor's Judicial Nominating Commission in Delaware, and as Secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners for Delaware.

Jim received many awards that further point to his commitment to a life of service to his community. He was awarded the Helping Hand Award by the Delaware Chapter of the NAACP for his efforts to promote diversity in the legal community, as well as the Wilmington Branch NAACP Award for Advocacy in the Education and Civil Rights Arena for Over 25 Years. Jim was also named Outstanding Young Man of the year by the Wilmington and Delaware Jaycees and received the National Conference for Community and Justice/Delaware Region Brotherhood-Sisterhood Award for Leadership and Service toward building a just and inclusive community.

I rise today to praise and honor James H. Gilliam Jr. for his contributions to the State of Delaware and its citizens. His achievements speak to the immense mark he has left on the community. His peers have described him as a great leader, a "giant" of the community, his friends speak of his loyalty, and his daughters speak of his encouragement and unconditional love. Delaware will remember James H. Gilliam Jr. for his great leadership and constant striving to do more for more people.

CARE FOR VETERANS OR TAKE THEIR PLACE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of my leading constituents, former Blount County Executive Bob Davis, recently sent me an editorial from the Daily Times of Blount County, Tennessee.

This editorial concerns the medical treatment given to our Nation's veterans who are not high profile celebrities.

This editorial expresses my views 100 percent.

Another Daily Times editorial concerning Free Trade and Fair Trade also expresses my views. I am sick and tired of seeing so many American jobs go to other countries.

We need to start putting our own citizens first once again or we are going to have some real problems in this Nation.

I want to commend the outstanding Editor of the Daily Times, Dean Stone, for these patriotic, common-sense, well-written editorials and would like to call them to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO CARE FOR VETERANS OR TAKE THEIR PLACE!

If our nation expects its healthy citizens in military service to serve and fight on the missions on which they are sent around the world, it is high time we decide to support these veterans who serve.

There may be some question about providing health care for health problems that are not service related but the least we can do is provide prompt and adequate care for wounds and injuries received on active duty.

And this should not be reserved for military personnel such as former prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch who because of her high-profile situation was given all the medical care anyone could use. And we don't need a double standard for enlisted personnel or officers either. All who serve are human beings, individuals created equal in God's sight and deserving the same medical care for their wounds or injuries.

Army Sgt. Vanessa Tuner, a six-year Army veteran who survived a still-unknown illness doctors feared would kill her, is finding it even tougher after a military flight brought her to her mother's home in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood last month. She had experienced hospital stays in Germany and Washington, D.C.

Despite severe nerve damage in her right leg, she was told it would be mid-October before a doctor at the local Veterans Affairs hospital could see her.

She sought help from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and eventually got an appointment scheduled this week but the experience has been frustrating.

Veterans advocates said Turner's frustration is not unusual. More than 100,000 veterans are waiting six months or more for their initial visit with a VA doctor or to see a specialist, the Veterans' Administration acknowledges.

Our nation ignored the complaints of health damage from Agent Orange in the Vietnam War for a couple of decades and we waited almost a decade after Gulf War I to acknowledge there might be something to the many health complaints resulting from that war.

There might be some excuse for those delays of what seemed to be unusual illnesses. However, the majority of individuals who have served in the armed forces are not deadbeats looking for a handout in the form of health care. They have illnesses. They have wounds.

Many have delayed their civilian careers in order to serve our nation. They have postponed their education and preparing for their profession because they felt obligated to defend our nation and the freedoms that all of us treasure.

If you have not put your life on the line in behalf of your country, it is difficult to fully appreciate the awesome responsibility that it is for both you as an individual and your family members. American lives are not trash to be thrown away and should not be considered as such.

Some of our members of Congress, such as Rep. John J. "Jimmy" Duncan, have worked to help veterans and succeeded in getting a new hospital to be built in this area. However, many of these veterans could be treated by doctors as outpatients while living at home if there were an adequate number of doctors.

It is time members of both the House and Senate decide to provide reasonable medical care for members of the armed forces injured or wounded while on duty or let all of our people in service return to civilian life.

But don't count on getting enough volunteers to replace even a company of them from the House or Senate. Too many of these folks are too busy running for the next higher office, better paying job or feathering their nest to see that veterans receive adequate health care.

WE NEED TO FORGET "FREE" TRADE, MOVE TOWARD "FAIR" TRADE

Jobs are going . . . going . . . gone—almost like the chant of a tobacco auctioneer except it has a much more devastating effect.